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DEVOTED TO THE MORAL, BUSINESS AND POLITICAL INTERESTS OF CITY, COUNTY AND STATE.

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PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY

County Officers Complimented—
Books Are Well Kept.

CRIME GREATLY DECREASED.

Much Illegal Liquor Selling—
One Justice Compromising
—The Poor Farm.

The following is the presentment of Alachua county's recently adjourned grand jury:

In the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Alachua County, Fall term 1903.

To the Hon. J. T. Wills, Judge Presiding:

Having finished our labors for the present term of the circuit court, we now make this our general presentment.

We have found bills in all cases that have come before us, when in our opinion the evidence would warrant a conviction. In a number of cases the evidence was insufficient. In these we thought the best interest of the State was subserved in returning no bills.

Forty-two cases having come before us, 26 bills being found, and 16 no bills, 128 witnesses examined.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Our investigations were greatly retarded by the failure of the justices of the peace and the county judge, to return to the grand jury the proper papers in the cases; to bind over the witnesses, or send in their testimony. We also find special complaint made against one justice of the peace for compromising State cases, and imposing fines less than those prescribed by law. We respectfully call attention of the court to the fact that the county judge reports that all members of the Gainesville Bar have failed to pay their license to practice law; with one exception, and we especially enjoin on the collector of the county to proceed forthwith to enforce the collection of said licenses.

COUNTY JAIL.

We have examined the county jail and find the building in excellent condition. The rooms, furniture, kitchen stove and utensils and prison cells were clean and well kept. The sanitation good, and the prisoners said they were well fed and properly cared for. Some posts are needed to repair the fence around the jail.

CLERK'S OFFICE.

We find all the books in this office kept in a neat and proper manner, with convenient and proper indexing. We also find it necessary that a number of valuable records in that office be rebound.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

We find the records and books in the sheriff's office in unusual good condition. We specially commend his improvements in criminal dockets, executions docket and special books of record, and in our opinion the sheriff deserves to be commended for his general efficiency.

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

We find the office in splendid condition, and the books properly and neatly kept.

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

We find the records of this office in perfect order, and accounts accurately and properly kept.

COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE.

We find the books and records of this office apparently well kept and in good condition. We recommend the purchase of a blank commercial docket, and an additional case for blanks. The probate judge's books, marriage license books, records, settlements of administration and executors need to be in a vault or safe prepared for same as protection from fire.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

By special committee, and practically by the whole grand jury at different times during the session of the court, have carefully examined the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and can say with impunity that we have never inspected a better office. This office is neatly kept from floor to ceiling. We find the office supplied with a typewriter and a magnificent cabinet of the most modern files, but without cost to the county, since the superintendent magnanimously contributed these articles himself at a cost of \$125.

We find in this office a complete set of double entry books, as well kept as it is possible to keep them, giving a complete record of every item of receipts and disbursements of the office.

We find the value of the school property of the county, as per the last report of the superintendent, to be \$112,000, being equal in value to the school property of fifteen counties of the State combined.

We find a school fund debt of \$38,103.99 against the county at large, but with the sinking fund now established this can be paid off without serious hindrance to the present progress of education in the county.

Taking all the circumstances into consideration, school affairs of the county seem to have been as well managed as it was possible to manage them.

COURT HOUSE.

We find that the building is in good condition and well kept.

We find that the plastering in the grand

jury room, and the tax collector's office, and in the sheriff's office, is more or less broken over head, and in need of repairs. The inside walls of the assessor's and clerk's offices are in need of paint, and that the assessor's office needs repairs to the floor, and some shelving or other convenient receptacle for the assessor's books.

POOR FARM.

We visited the poor farm in a body, and on investigation would say that we think the idea of a poor farm a good one, but in our opinion the land upon which the farm is located is not such as would tend to make it a success in an agricultural way.

We also would say that it is in an out of the way place, too far from medical assistance. We would recommend that the County Commissioners exchange the present farm for one more desirable.

PUBLIC ROADS.

While the roads in some parts of the county are reported in good condition, the roads generally are in bad repair, and need working.

We are informed that Chapter 5021 Acts of Florida Legislature 1901, entitled an act requiring operators of railroads to keep a record of, and publish the marks and brands of stock killed by trains, is not being complied with.

We find that outside of illicit selling of intoxicating liquors, there has been a decrease in criminal cases in our county, but we regret to report that the blind tiger business and illegitimate selling of liquors has greatly increased, prolonging our county's, and putting our county to very great expense.

We feel very grateful to Your Honor for the instructions you gave us, and the careful manner in which you have charged us in regard to our duties.

We tender our thanks to Hon. Benjamin P. Calhoun, the prosecuting attorney for the State, who has been untiring in his efforts to assist us.

We return our thanks to the clerk and sheriff for their kindness, and to all other officials who have assisted us in the discharge of our duties. Most respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER L. WEBB,
Foreman of Grand Jury.
J. A. KING, Clerk.

Obituary

"In the midst of life we are in death." There was never more fully exemplified than it was last Monday afternoon when Mr. W. H. Griffin was snatched from perfect health and young manhood into that unknown region.

His unexpected death was a great shock to his relatives and friends, all the more so as he was taken without a moment's warning. Three hours from the time he left his home in perfect health he was brought back to it a corpse.

William Henry Griffin was born July 28, 1881, being at the time of his death 22 years and two months and nineteen days of age. He endeavored himself to every one who knew him by his agreeable and social manner.

He leaves behind him to mourn his loss a father, mother, three brothers and four sisters, and while we know that the lot is hard for them, and that they can not see why he, who was so young and happy, should be cut down in the beginning of young manhood, still we know that God does all things for the best.

"O why and whither?"
We only know that he is good,
And that whatever may befall,
Or here or there must be,
The best that could.

He was laid to rest in the Jonesville cemetery Tuesday afternoon, a large concourse of sorrowing friends following him there.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. C. Foster of Alachua. He made a few very impressive remarks about the necessity of an early preparation for death, which comes to the young as well as to the old.

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north
Wind's breath;
And stars to set; but all,
Thou hast all seasons O Death.
We know when moons shall wane,
When summer birds from far shall
Cross the sea,
When autumn's hue shall tinge the
golden grain;
But who shall teach us when to look
for thee?"

A FRIEND.

Announcement.

I wish to announce to my friends and patrons that I have added to my store a shoe department, which I intend to make a special feature of my business. I will have in that department shoes for every body—ladies', men's, boys', misses', children's and infant's shoes.

I have placed my crockery, china, lamp and glassware department on the second floor, and have added several new patterns of dinnerware and other desirable goods. I respectfully invite you to call and visit my several departments, see my goods and get my prices.

Thanking my friends and customers for past liberal patronage, and wishing a continuance of same, promising high-class service, and stock at reasonable price.

Sincerely yours,

L. C. SMITH.

Giddings' Unparalleled Hair Grower is all that its name implies. It cures dandruff stops falling hair and produces new hair. It is an excellent hair dresser. For sale at S. B. Giddings' Drug Store, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug Store High Springs.

STILL ON THE JACKSON CASE

The Trial Will Consume Nearly
Entire Week.

MANY MORE WITNESSES YET.

Case Progressing Slowly—Malphur's Case Continued—
Motions, Etc.

As was stated in Tuesday's Star, a jury was secured Monday for the trial of A. L. Jackson, charged with murder, and the case was proceeded with Tuesday.

There is a large number of witnesses in this case, also five attorneys—Calhoun and Davis for the prosecution, and Thompson, Thrasher and Carter for the defense—and a long and tedious trial was expected. On several occasions the progress of the trial has been interrupted by motions, etc., in other cases. Very little progress was made Tuesday, but during the day the case of the State vs. Isham Malphurs, murder, was continued until the Spring term of the court.

Wednesday the entire day was consumed with the Jackson case. Several state witnesses were examined.

Master Joseph York, the not quite six-year old son of the man who was killed, and the only eye witness to the killing, was introduced by the State, but on account of his extreme youth, (he being only about four years old at the time of the killing), the defense objected to his being made a witness. The child was examined at length by the court, and all who heard him answer questions put to him were surprised at his remarkable intelligence. He is an unusually bright child, and seemed to remember the circumstances connected with the death of his father unusually well. The court adjourned for the day without ruling on the admissibility of the child's testimony.

Court convened Thursday morning, and after some argument by counsel on both sides, the court ruled in favor of the State, and Master Joseph York was put on the stand, where for nearly two hours he was subjected to examination, and the manner in which he testified, in his child-like way, would have done credit to the intelligence of one much older.

Many of the witnesses were on the stand during the day, and some motions in other matters were made, but when court adjourned yesterday afternoon until this morning at 8:30 it was the opinion of many that all of today would have to be devoted to examining witnesses, and that the case will not go to the jury before some time Saturday.

Killed at Mill.

The first killing that has occurred—one person by another—in Alachua county for more than six months, occurred at the Kelley-McDonald Lumber Co.'s mill on Prairie Creek yesterday morning.

Mr. I. E. Lovett, the foreman at the mill, and a negro mill hand by the name of George Washington, had some words about work, and later the negro attacked Mr. Lovett with a heavy stick, knocking him down twice and hurting him badly.

Mr. Lovett secured a pistol from his desk and shot Washington dead. Dr. Colson, of this city, was called to Mr. Lovett, dressed his wounds, and pronounced him badly but not fatally hurt. Lovett's act was purely in defense of his person, and while he regrets having to kill the negro, no blame attaches to him.

Has Disappeared.

John Fowler, colored, one of the Kelley-McDonald Company mill hands at Prairie Creek, near Windsor, is said to have disappeared, and it is thought he may be dead.

The last seen of him, a few days ago, he was in a boat going in the direction of his home on the lake. This was after work hours at the mill were over. The boat and some of John's belongings—a dinner bucket we believe—have been found on the lake, and it is thought that possibly the man fell a victim of a large alligator.

Benson and Son.

This firm of carriage makers has just been awarded the contract for building two nice ice delivery wagons for the Fernandez Ice Company.

Several times prior to this occasion has the Fernandez Company favored the Bensons with a nice order, and so well pleased was the company with the work that it is hardly willing to risk a job of the kind elsewhere.

Call and see us in our new quarters, Johnson Brothers, druggists, No. 100, corner West Main and West Liberty sts.

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping purposes, 15 cts. a hundred or 25 for 5 cts., at THE STAR OFFICE.

V. J. Herlong, the Bellamy saw mill man, was transacting business in Gainesville yesterday.

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TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB.

First Meeting This Fall—Some Good Papers Read, Etc.

The first meeting of the Twentieth Century Club was held at the home of Mrs. Chapin, Monday afternoon. After completing the usual routine work an excellent program was carried out.

Two beautifully written papers were read, evincing the fact that the ladies on the program had given careful study to the themes that had been given them, and that the club's motto, "No elevation without mental effort," would never suffer at their hands.

Mrs. Kelley's paper on French and Dutch history, from 1492 to the colonization period, was a gem. Mrs. Foster's on DeSoto's expedition to Florida, told many of us things that if we ever knew we had long since forgotten. Miss Cushman was delightful in a recitation that brought forth much deserved applause.

The ladies anticipate much pleasure during the coming winter months, when the club will meet fortnightly.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. W. J. Denby, next Monday afternoon.

Come and See Us.

We are now located at No. 100, corner of West Main and West Liberty streets. The building has been thoroughly renovated and fitted for a drug store, and we have in it one of the largest and best stocks of new drugs, perfumery, toilet articles, and other goods usually kept in a first-class drug store, that was ever exhibited in Gainesville.

We are right on the square, convenient to the A. C. L. passenger depot, and the Brown House, the leading hotel in the city—and are, therefore, very conveniently located.

We want our old customers—and new ones—to come and see us. Whether you need medicines or not, we will appreciate your calls. If you need anything in our line come and try us. Prescriptions carefully compounded by competent pharmacist.

Very Respectfully,
JOHNSON BROS.,
Druggists and Pharmacists,
Gainesville, Fla.

Tough Show.

That seems to have been a tough show at the opera house last night. It was advertised as a decent show by the Lyceum Comedy Company, but so very vulgar was the first performance that both men and women left the place rapidly, and Marshal Pinkston placed the actor under arrest. The manager claimed to be humiliated by the affair—it was not on the program he said—but still he put up cash for a \$25 bond for his man to appear before Mayor Thomas this morning. This morning the actor, R. L. Black by name, was fined \$25 and costs, and in default of payment was sent to jail.

The show should be shown the quickest way out of town, and other towns should not allow it to enter.

Death of an Infant.

Little Lewis, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harrold, died of diphtheria Tuesday morning and was buried in the afternoon.

The little one was ill only a few days when death relieved its sufferings. To the grief-stricken parents, the Star, with other friends, extends condolence.

For Sheriff.

To the Voters of Alachua County:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff, subject to the action of the next Democratic primary.

If elected, I promise to discharge the duties of the office to the very best of my ability, and I solicit the support of all voters at the polls.

Respectfully,

W. C. HAGUE.

Try Fagan's for best meats.

Mrs. L. M. Bell is visiting relatives and friends at Hawthorn.

Have your clothing cleaned at Owen Lloyd's Dye Works. July 14, if Justice R. E. Barnes of Orange Heights was in the city Wednesday.

J. A. Phifer has returned from a visit to his brother, W. B. Phifer, at Nocatee.

Charley Dell of Hague was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

Mrs. Dr. J. L. Kelley returned Wednesday evening from a visit to Jacksonville.

W. E. Dow, a prominent insurance man of High Springs, was in the city yesterday.

Ed K. Anderson, merchant of High Springs, was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

Come in and look over our china department. Our prices are as low as the lowest. L. C. Smith.

W. R. Stecker returned from a several days stay in Jacksonville Wednesday afternoon.

If you want money to buy or build a home, pay off mortgage, or contract for profitable investment see Moyers.

Messrs. Dan Chessier and W. H. Ellis were in the city Tuesday from their home at LaCrosse.

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T. R. Pickett of Archer passed through the city Wednesday afternoon en route home from Jacksonville.

Attorney E. R. Voyle returned Wednesday afternoon from Jacksonville, where he had been on business.

Prof. J. J. Godwin, a prominent saw mill and gin man, was in the city yesterday from his home at Rex.

Fresh meats, groceries and vegetables. Call, send me your orders or phone for what you want. J. G. Harrold, Phone No. 25.

Mrs. W. L. Hill and son, Robert, have returned from a sojourn covering a period of several months, in Maryland and North Carolina.

Parasols and umbrellas suitable for all classes. No matter what your taste, your needs, or price, we can satisfy you. L. C. Smith.

Deputy Sheriff Livingston of Newberry, one of the Sheriff's most popular and efficient deputies, was in the city Wednesday on official business.

Giddings' Hair Grower does the work. For sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug Store, High Springs, Fla.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Holley are attending the Santa Fe River Baptist Association which is being held with the Orange Creek Baptist church near Lochloosa.

FOR SALE. A beautiful soda fountain, in perfect order, and very cheap. Any one wishing a bargain should come to The Star office and see this fountain.

Lucius McCormick, manager of the Eastern Union telegraph office here, is spending a few days in South Carolina, and his place is being filled by W. B. Higdon.

If your hair is becoming thin try Giddings' Unparalleled Hair Grower. For sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug Store, High Springs, Fla.

H. A. Fisher departed Wednesday morning for Lochloosa, near which place he is attending the Santa Fe Baptist Association, as a delegate from the Gainesville church.

If it is job printing you want just send your order to the Star. It will have prompt attention, and work and prices will suit you.

Attorney W. W. Hampton left yesterday for Pensacola, where he went on business before the United States court. Before returning he will transact legal business in Tallahassee.

Bring us your cotton, and price our goods. If you can do better elsewhere than with us, no harm done, but give us a trial. G. W. Easterlin & Co., High Springs, Fla.

Mrs. J. G. Nichols returned Wednesday evening from Massachusetts, where she spent the summer with relatives and friends. Col. Nichols, her husband, met her in Jacksonville, and returned with her.

If you have a house, or room, or set of rooms to rent, advertise same in The Star. If you are too busy to come to the office just phone us the wording of your ad. Our phone is No. 86.

In the absence of Rev. J. B. Holley, who is attending the Santa Fe Baptist Association, Rev. Carpenter, pastor of Kavanaugh Methodist church, conducted the prayermeeting at the Baptist church last night.

"We grasp at many things in life, And haste the grasp to sever; But grasp a Waterman's Fountain Pen, And the grasp is retained forever." Waterman's Fountain Pen can be bought in our jewelry department. L. C. Smith.

Mr. J. E. Wainwright, one of the popular and efficient clerks in the United States land office here, has been quite ill at his home in East Gainesville for several days, and his numerous friends hope to see him well again very soon.

School shoes are what you are looking for? We have the shoe that will give you satisfaction in both wear and appearance, and the cost is the lowest possible. We also have a nice line of ladies' and gentlemen's shoes. We invite you to visit our shoe department before purchasing elsewhere. L. C. Smith.

Mr. J. C. Bolton, of Owensboro, Ky., arrived in the city yesterday, having accepted a position with A. L. Reeder, manager in this city for the Cable Piano Company. Mr. Bolton says he is highly pleased with what he has seen of Gainesville.

Have you tried Giddings' Hair Grower? Others have tried it and pronounced it good. For sale at S. B. Giddings' Drug Store, Gainesville, and Postoffice Drug Store, High Springs.

Mr. W. A. McGuff, a competent young druggist of Thomasville, Ga., has accepted a position with Johnson Bros., this city, and arrived yesterday and entered upon his duties at once. Mr. McGuff, like all who come here, is highly pleased with Gainesville.

Mrs. Julia D. Turner of North Gainesville has returned from a protracted visit to her former home at Roseville, Ohio. She spent the entire summer up there very pleasantly, and her numerous Gainesville friends are pleased to have her among them again.

Mrs. J. T. Edwards, of Electric, Ala., is here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jackson, having come several days ago to attend the bedside of her son, Mr. W. E. Bryant, who has been quite low with typhoid fever. Mr. Bryant, we are glad to announce, is now improving.

Johnson Brothers, druggists and pharmacists, request their friends, and the public in general to call on them in their new quarters at No. 100, corner of West Main and West Liberty streets. Not only have we new quarters, but our stock of drugs, toilet articles, etc., is also new and complete. Old patrons are invited to come to our new quarters, and new customers are solicited.

We Have

In Stock, and are constantly receiving "up-to-date" Shoes for Men, Women and Children, at popular prices and of the best makes.

We call

Particular attention to the Ladies "Brockport" and Mens "All America" and "Walk Over" grades.

J. D. Matheson,

Shoe and Leather Store.

Gainesville, Fla.

THE STAR.

THIS PAPER is published in the interest of the Moral, Business and Political Interests of Gainesville, Alachua County and Florida, and in the financial interests of its editor and proprietor.

THOSE WHO seemed to think when we started more than four months ago that THE STAR appeared in the journalistic sky only for the purpose of shining on a short temperance campaign were mistaken.

THE STAR is the PEOPLE'S paper, and will advocate such candidates for office as the editor conscientiously believes are the people's best friends when principle, experience and ability are all considered, and, while friendly suggestions are always welcomed, the policy of THE STAR will be controlled only by its editor and proprietor.

You Need It--

You Need THE STAR.

IF YOU favor our ideas—political and otherwise—you will enjoy reading THE STAR during the coming campaign which is to be the greatest ever conducted in Florida, and if you differ with the editor, on political or other matters, you should read the paper so that you can know where to hit him and how to head him off.

SEND US ONE DOLLAR and receive for twelve months

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D. E. GODWIN, Editor,
Gainesville, Florida.

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